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BY COMMITTEE ON LOCAL
GOVERNMENT

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 214)

A BILL FOR

- 1 An Act relating to funding for the location of department of
- 2 human services staff in county office space.
- 3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

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- 1 Section 1. Section 217.32, Code 2015, is amended to read as 2 follows:
- 3 217.32 Office space in county.
- 4 1. Where the department of human services assigns personnel
- 5 to an office located in a county for the purpose of performing
- 6 in that county designated duties and responsibilities assigned
- 7 by law to the department, it shall be the responsibility of the
- 8 county to provide and maintain the necessary office space and
- 9 office supplies and equipment for the personnel so assigned in
- 10 the same manner as if they were employees of the county.
- The department shall at least annually, or more
- 12 frequently if the department so elects, reimburse the county
- 13 for a portion, designated by law, of the cost of maintaining
- 14 office space and providing supplies and equipment as required
- 15 by this section, and also for a similar portion of the cost
- 16 of providing the necessary office space if in order to do so
- 17 it is necessary for the county to lease office space outside
- 18 the courthouse or any other building owned by the county.
- 19 The portion of the foregoing costs reimbursed to the county
- 20 under this section shall be equivalent to the proportion of
- 21 those costs which the federal government authorizes to be paid
- 22 from available federal funds, unless the general assembly
- 23 directs otherwise when appropriating funds for support of the
- 24 department.
- 25 3. For the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2016, and ending
- 26 June 30, 2017, the department shall at least annually reimburse
- 27 the county for at least forty percent of the actual cost of
- 28 maintaining office space and providing supplies and equipment
- 29 as required by this section. For each subsequent fiscal year,
- 30 the department shall at least annually reimburse the county for
- 31 at least the prior year's reimbursement rate plus an additional
- 32 five percent of the actual costs above the prior fiscal year's
- 33 reimbursement rate until the department annually reimburses
- 34 the county for at least sixty percent of the actual costs of
- 35 maintaining office space and providing supplies and equipment.

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- 1 4. If a board of supervisors adopts a resolution pursuant
- 2 to section 331.301, subsection 17, the department of human
- 3 services shall enter into negotiations with the board of
- 4 supervisors before approval of the department's budget for
- 5 offices in that county. If an impasse in negotiations persists
- 6 thirty days after entering negotiations, either party may
- 7 request that the impasse be resolved through arbitration. An
- 8 impasse over the amounts required to be paid for by the county
- 9 shall be resolved by arbitration before neutral arbitrators
- 10 pursuant to the rules of the American arbitration association.
- 11 The decision of an arbitrator pursuant to this subsection is
- 12 subject to judicial review pursuant to chapter 679A.
- Sec. 2. Section 331.301, Code 2015, is amended by adding the 13
- 14 following new subsection:
- 15 NEW SUBSECTION. 17. The board of supervisors of a county
- 16 that provides office space to the department of human services
- 17 under section 217.32 may by resolution request that the
- 18 department of human services enter into negotiations with the
- 19 board over the amounts required to be paid by the county in
- 20 order to provide and maintain office space and office supplies
- 21 and equipment for department personnel.
- 22 **EXPLANATION**
- 23 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with 24
- the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.
- 25 This bill relates to funding for the location of department
- 26 of human services staff in county office space.
- The bill requires that for the fiscal year beginning
- 28 July 1, 2016, the department of human services at least
- 29 annually reimburse a county that provides offices for at
- 30 least 40 percent of the actual cost of maintaining office
- 31 space and providing supplies and equipment. The bill further
- 32 requires that for each subsequent fiscal year, the department
- 33 annually reimburse the county for at least the prior year's
- 34 reimbursement rate plus an additional 5 percent of the actual
- 35 costs above the prior fiscal year's reimbursement rate until

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- 1 the department annually reimburses the county for at least 60
 2 percent of the actual costs.
- 3 The bill also provides that a board of supervisors providing
- 4 office space for the department may adopt a resolution
- 5 requesting that the department of human services enter into
- 6 negotiations with the board over the amounts required to be
- 7 paid by the county in order to provide and maintain office
- 8 space and office supplies and equipment for department
- 9 personnel. The bill requires that the department enter
- 10 negotiations with the board of supervisors upon the adoption of
- 11 such a resolution before approval of the department's budget
- 12 for offices in that county. The bill further provides that
- 13 if an impasse in negotiations persists 30 days after entering
- 14 negotiations that either party may request that the impasse
- 15 be resolved through arbitration before neutral arbitrators
- 16 pursuant to the rules of the American arbitration association.
- 17 The decision of an arbitrator pursuant to this subsection is
- 18 subject to judicial review pursuant to Code chapter 679A.